(b) whether the foundation has taken prior permission of the Government/Reserve Bank of India to collect such fund; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Government has seen the news item.

(b) Under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA), 1973, no permission of the Ministry of Finance/Reserve Bank of India is necessary for collecting such funds.

(c) Does not arise.

Ban on recruitment in Banks

3832. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new recruitment has been stopped in all the Nationalised banks in Orissa despite the fact that large number of posts are still lying vacant;

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant in different branches of nationalised banks in Orissa;

(c) the reasons for banning recruitment in Banks; and

(d) the steps taken to fill up those vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Banks are permitted to create/fill up posts, including those lying vacant in Orissa subject to the norms stipulated for their staff expansion.

Promotion of electronic industry in Rourkela

3833. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to promote electronics industry in Rourkela;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in that regard;

(c) whether some entrepreneurs have sought Government's permission to set up electronics units at Rourkela; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Electronics is promoting the use of electronics in the process industries in Rourkela. Training programmes and workshops are held on the applications of electronics and computers in steel and fertilizer plants at Rourkela. Training facilities are being established at the Rourkela Steel Plant to cater to the needs of steel and fertilizer industry personnel. The Department of Electronics is playing a key role in helping these industries in Rourkela to plan and use electronics in their modernisation programmes. Technical reports are prepared and funds are also released for taking up specific project at these plants. Manufacturers, academic institutions and consultancy organisations are also brought together with the industry to contribute the over-all promotional measures for electronics industry in Rourkela.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Amount allocated by LIC, GIC for housing Schemes

3834. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by LIC and GIC to State Governments for implementing various social housing schemes in 1985-86 and in 1986-87; and

(b) the amount sanctioned as loan by LIC and GIC to State Government of Andhra Pradesh to implement those schemes in 1985-86 and 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI):